

STRONG SENTIMENT AGAINST ANNEXATION.

DON'T WANT WOODBURY

Increasing Comment on the Marion County Annexation Scheme Develops Against Annexation.

In the Field's account last week of the scheme on the part of some of the Marion court house people to have the people of Woodbury township in Marion county, annex themselves to Horry and thus so reduce the territory of Marion county so as to render the formation of Dillon county an impossibility, it was stated that the matter had been so little discussed in Horry, that we could not state just what the sentiment of the Horry people was on this question. We added, however, that we felt sure that the sentiment was very much against annexation.

Since the appearance of this article the people of this county have been aroused on the question, and pretty general discussion has been heard on every side. The scheme won't work as far as Horry is concerned. This is no guess work on the part of The Field, but was gathered from the people of many sections of the county as they have been seen and approached on the matter. It seems strange, but it is never the less a fact that we have not yet seen a single man who is in favor of annexing Woodbury to this county. We say it seems strange, for the reason that almost any proposition will find warm advocates in almost any section—but not so with the Woodbury scheme. Horry opposes it, or at least if the scheme has any warm advocates on this side of the river they have not yet come from their hiding.

Strange too it is, yet very natural in many respects, that very few if any of the Horry people believe that the initiative in this matter was taken by the citizens of Woodbury township. They don't believe that the Woodbury people want to pull away from Marion and come to Horry. This belief accounts in part for the opposition of the Horry people to the scheme. In fact our people have little reason to believe that Woodbury favors annexation. They live near Horry, and come here a great deal and so far as we have learned, the reports that come from Woodbury are that they do not approve the annexation.

A review of the circumstances surrounding the meeting of the commissioners at Potato Bed Ferry two weeks ago, an account of which was given in The Field last week, might not be amiss here because it strengthens the general belief that Marion court house is behind the scheme.

In addition to the four commissioners who were on hand at this meeting, there was also present one of Marion county's public officials—an old official, in the sense that he has been holding office a long time. He doesn't live in Woodbury. But he was on hand and it seems was acting as master of ceremonies. It was he who stated to the Commissioners that sentiment in Woodbury was practically unanimous in favor of annexation to Horry; it was he who told the Commissioners that they needn't worry about their pay—that "we will see that you are paid;" it was he who assured the two surveyors selected by the Commissioners that "we will pay you for your work." Our informant didn't take pains to ascertain who "we" is and where "we" live, but he heard the state-

ments just the same.

It was this county official who has been, and is, living at Marion court house who seemed very much interested in the reputed (?) that Woodbury was preparing to pick up her belongings and take her flight into the Independent Republic, and seeing that he was very much interested, this question was asked him by one of the Horry Commissioners:

"Why, don't you hate to lose Woodbury—isn't she worth a great deal to your county?"

"Of course we hate to lose her," was the reply, "why our best citizens come from Woodbury—they are a fine people; the value of their property is \$19,000 and they have good farming lands, but then you see we feel like the Woodbury people should decide their own matters and you know we also don't like to interfere with a local question like that."

Our informant was not, of course, so unthoughtful as to ask this official if the same rule applied when the upper section of the county wanted to decide its local issues.—Conway Field.

In addition to the foregoing, The Herald prints in part Mr. Jno. C. Sellers' article to the News and Courier which it endorses.

The New County and the new railroad are coming, so is death, so protect your loved ones by taking a life policy with Dillon's up to date Insurance Agency, Joe Cabell Davis, Mgr.

New Counties and Good Roads.

One of the greatest blessings that will come to the people of this section after the New County is formed is a system of good roads radiating from the county seat to the remotest boundaries of the county.

Marion is further behind in road improvement than any other county in the state, although for the past several years the people have been fortunate in selecting capable men to the office of supervisor. Such being the case, then the enquiry arises, "Who's at fault?"

No individual is at fault—it is the county itself, because its area is so large that the building of modern and permanent roadways with one chain gang is a physical impossibility.

Marion is 75 miles in length; it is crossed and recrossed by more than its share of swamps; branches and rivers, while its sand beds, if collected together, would make a desert of no mean proportions. Before the chain gang can complete its work in one place it is needed in another, and so it shifts from pillow to post, patching here and there, but doing nothing permanent anywhere. Its work is like rolling a stone down hill, then rolling it back to the summit and then down again.

The remedy then lies in a smaller county. One of the improvements that follows new and smaller counties is good roads. Don't take our word for it but ask Bamberg, Greenwood, Lee and Calhoun. As witness we quote the St. Matthews correspondent of the News and Courier:

The most noticeable blessing to this section since the formation of the new county is the present and increasing prospect of better roads and the superior advantages over the old regime.

This ought to be evidence enough that good roads will follow the formation of our New County. And if good roads are not worth working for and voting for nothing is.

Don't fail to get one of our Universal Garden Plows, it is essential to good gardening. Wheeler Hardware Co.

WASHINGTON LETTER

News From Our Busy Capital

The social world has watched with much interest the movements of the new Mistress of the White House, and a general opinion prevailed, in Washington at least, that Mrs. Taft would institute many radical changes. Those who knew her best in her official life in the Philippines and in Washington, clearly foretold what would happen—the taking upon her own shoulder the full responsibility of the social side of Mr. Taft's administration as President.

Under the regime of the former gently chataleine of the White House there was a Social Secretary who shared in all the social pleasures as well as attended to the clerical duties of the position. But Mrs. Taft has informed the social world that she does not expect recognition of her secretary, that she is engaged to perform the duties of a clerk and that she will not appear at all in the social lists of the White House. For this position Mrs. Taft has selected a young woman, a German by birth, of gentle parentage, who speaks and writes German fluently, as well as French and Spanish and English of course, so that, through her clerk, the President's wife will be able to address her communications to foreigners in their native or a familiar language.

The President's wife is receipt of the greatest quantity of letters, including appeals for help, letters from societies and organizations, from business men and women soliciting trade, requests for autographed pictures, etc., etc., and to all of these answers will be either dictated or written by the secretary. Mrs. Taft's personal correspondence she will attend to herself, as she has always done.

That President Taft intends to conduct the government on an economical basis as is consistent with efficient service is evidenced by his "Budget Committee", a committee of three of the cabinet members whose duty it is to look over the estimates of all the departments and, wherever possible, reduce expenses. Such a movement should go a long way toward bringing about a responsible relationship between the expenditures and the revenues.

According to a volume in course of preparation by the Census Bureau, the size of the average family in the United States has decreased from 5-8 persons in 1790 the date of the first census taken in this country, to 4-6 in the same area in 1900. In 1790 families composed of six or more persons represented more than one-half, while in 1900 they represented hardly more than a fourth of the families enumerated.

It is learned that the committee on Ways and Means expects to report not less than two hundred amendments to the Payne tariff bill. Will any of its friends recognize it after it gets through this mill?

If the Payne bill does bear any resemblance to its former self when the House gets through with it, it certainly will not when it is released from the tender mercies of the Senate.

Senator Elkins has voiced his indignation because the Republican members of the Finance Committee are holding hearings on the tariff bill without inviting any of Democrats to be present. This is very good of the Senator from West Virginia, but knowing the Senator we venture to believe that if he had been appointed a member of the Finance Committee himself he would never have raised his voice in protest against the exclusion of the minority.

It is not surprising that the leaders of the House are disturbed over the tariff bill. They have brought in a high protection measure, one in which the ad valorem rate is one and a half per cent. higher than in the Dingley bill. They realize that the only chance of getting the bill passed without material reductions is to secure the adoption of a rule which will deprive the members of a chance to vote, and they are gradually coming to realize that if they compel the members to vote for such a rule there will be heavy losses in the Republican ranks of the next Congress.

A tax of two per cent. on the dividends on all corporations would meet with general approval, but if President Taft imagines such a tax will ever be imposed by the stockholding members of the Senate it is time he woke up.

If Ex-President Roosevelt survives his African trip and returns to take up journalism while Mr. Bryan is still running the Comptroller there will be parlous times in the Fourth Estate.

Double-Barrelled Marriage.

Last Sunday morning was an ideal day. The sun commenced its daily journey through the sky, the soft South breeze added freshness and vigor to the early risers; even the little sparrows twittered out more gladsome songs and all nature seemed alive with hope and activity. But over at the parsonage the worthy pastor of the M. E. Church had barely finished his morning nap, when the sharp ring of his door bell aroused him to the many duties that faced him for the opening day. Out on the porch stood Mr. Leslie Robert Thompson and Miss Leah Elizabeth Dickson, both from Goldsboro, N. C. For their true love did not run to their liking in the old North State, so they hied themselves off to this modern Gretna Green where two loving hearts could be made to beat as one in defiance of irate parents and the formalities of the law. This young couple stated their case, the accommodating parson was in sympathy with them, tied the matrimonial knot in due form, gave them his blessing, received two great big round dollars for the job and the happy pair left with faces wreathed in smiles.

Before the parson had time to ponder over the many arts used by Cupid to entangle human hearts the door bell sounded again and near the door Mr. Luther Benjamin Tuner and Miss Eleanor Lewis, both from Buie, N. C., awaited the kind office of the parson. Although as yet he had not had his breakfast, he told them to come in and in an expeditious manner, he made two more hearts beat as one, and another big round dollar sealed the compact.

And four loving hearts with youth to back them have gone out in the world to fight life's stubborn battles, but the parson's blessing will keep ever pace with them until death shall claim them.

GOVERNOR HEARD COMMISSIONERS

In regard to survey of Amended Lines Last Wednesday. Mr. Mace Argues that Survey is Illegal While Mr Dillon Holds that it is Legal. Governor Reserves Decision.

As stated in these columns last week Commissioners Dillon and Mace had a hearing before Gov. Ansel last Wednesday in regard to the validity of the survey of the amended New County lines. It will be remembered that Commissioner Mace "dismissed" Mr. Beatty, surveyor for the old county, a few days before the survey of the amended lines began. However, Mr. Beatty ignored Commissioner Mace's request and joined Mr. Hamby at Latta on the Monday following and proceeded with the survey. Now Commissioner Mace holds that the survey is illegal and refuses to accept the statement of Messrs. Hamby and Beatty that the proposed New County contains 403 square miles. The matter was argued before the Governor Wednesday and as the chief executive has the matter under consideration he will not render his decision until some time this week.

The report of the surveyors on the amended lines is that the proposed New County contains 403 square miles, that the division line does not run within eight miles of any court house and does not cut an incorporated town or city. It shows also that 500 square miles have been left in the old county and as every other constitutional provision can be complied with there is no reason why the Governor should not order an election as soon as he settles the controversy between the commissioners in regard to the legality of the survey.

This seems to be the last obstacle in the way of the election and the people may have an opportunity to vote on the question within the next 90 days.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Dillon, S. C. unclaimed for to be set to the D. L. O. April 5th., 1909

- B.
 - 1. Mrs. Julia Biggs
 - 2. Miss Ida Booth
 - C.
 - 3. Mrs. N. S. Campbell
 - D.
 - 4. Mr. Henry Dooit
 - 5. Alice Dillahent
 - G.
 - 6. Mr. Z. S. Graham
 - H.
 - 7. Miss Fattie Hemingway
 - 8. Miss Mollie Hutson
 - M.
 - 9. Mrs. Ma McKenzie
 - 10. Mr. Jessie McKenzie
 - 11. Mr. I. J. McRae
 - 12. Miss Lison McMiller
 - 13. Mr. F. McBride
 - P.
 - 14. Mr. Bab Perflo
 - 15. Miss Jase Phene, 1526 R. Vuch for Rent.
 - T.
 - 16. Ionnie Johnnie Thomas
 - 17. Mrs. Lillie Tanle
 - W.
 - 18. Mr. Colon Wilkes
- When calling for the above letters persons must say they are advertised.
- Dillon, T. E. Husbands, Marion County, Postmaster. South Carolina.

We have money to loan, come to see us. Dillon Insurance Agency, Joe Cabell Davis, Mgr.

Maple Dots.

The farmers are planting this week

The Sunday School at Pleasant Grove has been reorganized and is progressing well. We ask all the people of the community to come out and be with us in the good work.

Warren Jackson of Marlboro County spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother, J. K. Jackson.

Miss Lena Turbville was the guest of J. A. Dove Sunday.

J. R. and H. G. Jackson attended preaching at Dillon last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary G. Surle and Miss Beady Dove of Rockfish, N. C., are visiting relatives in this section.

J. N. Jackson went to Marion Monday on business.

D. J. Jackson of the Buck Swamp section visited relatives in this section Sunday. SIMON.

Free State News.

W. A. Ferguson is wearing a smiling face, indeed. It is a fine boy.

Rev. J. I. Allen of Dillon spent yesterday with his brother, D. E. Allen, who has been quite sick but is improving.

Miss Nellie Hays of Latta visited relatives in this section Sunday.

Miss Mary Hays who is keeping books at Bannockburn visited her parents here yesterday.

J. B. Moore of Bennettsville, spent Friday night with his sister, Mrs. Andrew LeGette.

J. P. Rogers has closed his school near Nichols and is at home again.

Miss Annie Allen of Latta spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Allen. COP.

Doings on R. R. No. 3.

(Written for last week.)

The farmers of this section are in great hopes of the new railroad and are anxious to see a depot constructed at Little Rock or some where in the vicinity.

Everybody seems to be New County advocates and we are always listening and looking for some favorable and encouraging signs and are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the election.

Arch Leach of Florence is with his brother, G. W. Leach at Little Rock for a few days.

Mrs. Caroline Barrington of Darlington is on an extended visit to her son, Ebb Barrington.

Miss Blanche Stanton and sister, Mrs. Johnson, attended E. Sternberger's opening at Clio Wednesday.

M. S. Britt purchased a self playing piano recently and is very much pleased with it.

We are glad to report that the health of our aged friend, Capt. Arch Sinclair is very much improved.

C. M. Proctor of Hamer spent Sunday in this section.

Miss Jeanette Wright spent last Wednesday in Clio.

Daniel Cottingham an aged gentleman, being in his eighty-seventh year died Sunday morning. He fell some weeks ago and has been unable to walk and partially unconscious ever since. He leaves a wife, three sons and two daughters to mourn his loss. X. Y. Z.

Don't forget that Salmon Novelty Works is prepared to do all kinds of gin work.

Let one of our Health and Accident policies work for you while you are unable to work for yourself. Dillon Insurance Agency, Joe Cabell Davis, Mgr.